

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 7, 2014

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2268

Introduced by Assembly Member Bigelow

February 21, 2014

An act to amend Section 102 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to the *Department of Fish and Game Commission: Wildlife*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2268, as amended, Bigelow. *Department of Fish and Game Commission: Wildlife*.

Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare a plan for the management of wild pigs to determine the status and trend of wild pig populations and to designate management units within the state. Existing law requires the department, in preparing the plan, to consider available, existing information and literature relative to wild pigs.

This bill would require the department to conduct a study on the wild pig population in California that includes in its recommendations solutions to mitigate the wild pig population.

~~The California Constitution establishes the 5-member Fish and Game Commission, with members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. Existing law requires the commissioners to annually elect one of their number as vice president. Existing law prohibits the vice president to serve more than 2 consecutive years.~~

~~This bill would eliminate this prohibition.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. The Department of Fish and Wildlife shall conduct~~
2 ~~a study on the wild pig population in California that includes in~~
3 ~~its recommendations solutions to mitigate the wild pig population.~~

4 ~~SECTION 1. Section 102 of the Fish and Game Code is~~
5 ~~amended to read:~~

6 ~~102. (a) The commissioners shall annually elect one of their~~
7 ~~number as president and one as vice president, by a concurrent~~
8 ~~vote of at least three commissioners.~~

9 ~~(b) No president shall serve more than two consecutive years.~~

10 ~~(c) The president or vice president may be removed from the~~
11 ~~position of president or vice president by a vote, at any time, of at~~
12 ~~least three commissioners.~~

13 ~~(d) In the event of a vacancy in either the position of president~~
14 ~~or vice president, the commission shall fill that vacancy at the next~~
15 ~~regularly scheduled meeting of the commission. The elected~~
16 ~~successor president or vice president shall serve for the unexpired~~
17 ~~term of the predecessor until the annual election pursuant to~~
18 ~~subdivision (a).~~

19 ~~(e) Except as provided in subdivision (b), the commission may~~
20 ~~not adopt or enforce a policy or a regulation that provides for the~~
21 ~~president and vice president to be chosen by seniority nor may the~~
22 ~~commission adopt or enforce any other policy or regulation that~~
23 ~~would make a commissioner ineligible to be elected as president~~
24 ~~or vice president of the commission.~~